

Amendments to the Specification

Please **add** the following **new** paragraph at page 1, line 3:

-- This application claims the benefit, under 35 U.S.C. § 365 of International Application PCT/FR03/03203, filed October 27, 2003, which was published in accordance with PCT Article 21(2) on May 13, 2004 in French and which claims the benefit of French patent application No. 0213978, filed October 28, 2002. --

Please **add** the following **new** paragraph after the paragraph ending at page 1, line 7 (of the English translation of the application as filed):

-- **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION** --

Please **add** the following **new** paragraph after the paragraph ending at page 3, line 27 (of the English translation of the application as filed):

-- **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION** --

Please **add** the following **new** paragraph after the paragraph ending at page 5, line 13 (of the English translation of the application as filed):

-- **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS** --

Please **add** the following **new** paragraph after the paragraph ending at page 5, line 21 (of the English translation of the application as filed):

-- **DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS** --